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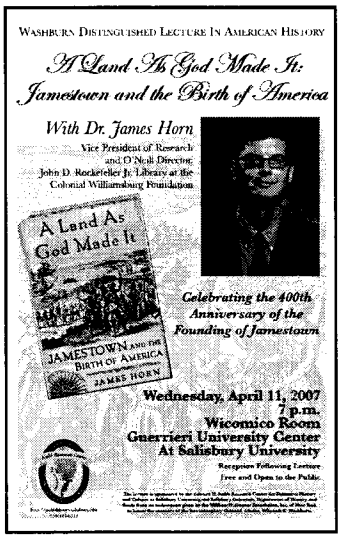
Celebrating Jamestown

In celebration of the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, the Nabb Research Center and the Salisbury University Department of History announce the Wilcomb E. Washburn Distinguished Lecturer for Spring 2007, Professor James Horn, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, in the Wicomico Room of the Guerrieri University Center on the main campus of Salisbury University.

Horn is vice president of research and O'Neill Director of the John D. Rockefeller Jr. Library at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. He has served as Saunders Director of the International Center for Jefferson Studies at Monticello, visiting editor of publications at the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture at the College of William and Mary, and taught for 20 years at the University of Brighton, England.

He is the author of *Adapting to a New World: English Society in the Seventeenth-Century Chesapeake* (1994), *A Land As God Made It: Jamestown and the Birth of America* (2005), two edited collections and numerous articles on early America. He has recently completed an edition of the *Writings of Captain John Smith* for the Library of America and has just begun writing a book on the Lost Colony of Roanoke. He is a regular contributor to radio and television programs and has been heavily involved in the planning of events for the 400th anniversary of Jamestown.

For the Salisbury University lecture, Horn will discuss ***A Land As God Made It: Jamestown and the Birth of America*** in which he "... vividly retells the celebrated story of Jamestown, the earliest enduring English settlement in North America. He refreshes that epic tale by recovering the power and the ingenuity of the great Indian characters, especially Wahunsonacock, Pocahontas and Opechancanough. With keen insight and in telling detail, Horn also reveals the diverse and contentious colonists who eventually succeeded against long odds and despite horrific losses. *A Land As God Made It* ... provides the best concise narrative of our colonial origins in Virginia," says Alan Taylor, author of *William Cooper's Town: Power and Persuasion on the Frontier of the Early American Republic.*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7 p.m.
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At Salisbury University
Reception Following Lecture
Free and Open to the Public

The lecture is free and open to the public. For information and/or directions, call 410-543-6312 or visit the Nabb Center event calendar at http://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu.

Maryland Archeology Month Lecture

The Nabb Research Center welcomes back Dr. Beth Ragan, SU history faculty and Nabb Center Board member, for her presentation "More than Tobacco: Economic Opportunities in Early Colonial Delmarva" 4 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the Nabb Center. On the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, we are often reminded that what made the Virginia Company a success was tobacco, a crop that would become the staple of the Colonial Chesapeake. On the Eastern Shore, however, tobacco found itself competing with other crops and other ways of making a profit. Furs and timber, grain and pork, smuggling and cloth-making—all of these contributed to the early economic diversity of Delmarva. The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information e-mail rcdhac@salisbury.edu.

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Jack Long and Other Donors Help With Long Family Research

Jack Long put the arrangement and publishing plans for the late Dr. Matthew M. Wise's research material on the Long family of old Somerset County on the front burner with his gift of $2,500 to facilitate the typing of the manuscript. As told in our January issue, dedicated volunteer Polly Batchelder has been working on the arrangement of Wise's research for several years. Several generous folks heeded our appeal for funds to continue with the manuscript preparation: Bill Sims, Peggy Adsit, Billy Laws, Geoffrey McCool, Marilyn Lear, Susan Hurlbut and Kathryn Niskanen. We are very grateful to these members for their support.

Batchelder reports that she has come to the end of the detailed editing process, but there is quite a bit of coordination to be done and questions have been raised which she must resolve. The manuscript is at 165 typed pages to date and Batchelder commented about Kathleen Fichtel's work: "I can hardly believe she has accomplished so much."

Donations for this project are still needed for Fichtel to finish the portion of the raw manuscript Batchelder has generated from Wise's material. Once this phase of the project is accomplished, there is a volunteer lined up to do the minor subsequent editing after Batchelder resolves her questions. Please help by sending a donation of any size.

New Display at the Nabb Center

The latest display at the Nabb Research Center is "Jamestown: The Eastern Shore Connection from 1608-1624." The first permanent English settlers in the new world landed at Jamestown on May 14, 1607. The next year, John Smith began an exploration of the Chesapeake Bay, discovering the rich resources of the Eastern Shore. As a result of that exploration, as James R. Perry states in *The Formation of a Society on Virginia's Eastern Shore 1615-1655*, "The early history on the Eastern Shore from 1615 to 1624 is inseparable from the shifting policies of the Virginia Company." This display illustrates the strong connection that developed between the germinal settlement at Jamestown under the Virginia Company of London and the resources of goods and people that settled on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. In 1624, the Company Charter was revoked. Thus began the era of Virginia, the royal colony. The display is on available through the fall.

Donor Jack Long with Researcher Polly Batchelder